



County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Social Services

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached is the report of key GROW statistics for May 2003 and an update on the GROW Program.

We have placed 944 GROW participants in jobs during the month of May. A total of 39,897 participants have found jobs.

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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Community and Senior Services

GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)

MAY 2003

| MONTH | ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT | | JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS | | | JOB PLACEMENTS | SELF-INITIATED PROGRAMS (SIPS) |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| | Scheduled | Showed | Scheduled | Showed | Completions (1) | | Ongoing Enrollments |
| May | 5,609 | 3,857 (69%) | 2,005 | 1,104 (55%) | 1,002 | 944 | 1,371 |

| MONTH | VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS | | EDUCATION/ TRAINING | | SUPPORTIVE SERVICE REFERRALS | GROW CASELOAD | SANCTIONS |
|-------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| | Scheduled | Showed | Started | Completions | (2) | | |
| May | 614 | 488 (79%) | 98 | 9 | 293 | 37,417 | 1,519 |

Note:

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class completions counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the 3-week Job Skills Preparation Class in the previous month but completed it in the report month.
- (2) Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Clinical Assessment and Mental Health treatment referrals.

GROW UPDATE MAY 2003

JOB PLACEMENTS

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of 39,897 participants have become employed through the GROW program.

- ❑ Metro East GROW held a "GROW Through Success" Job Fair on 5/13/03. There were 40 employers participating in this event and over 300 participants were in attendance. Job hires as a result of this job fair are still pending.
- ❑ Civic Center participated in the Metro East Job Fair on 5/13 and the LA Trade Tech Job Fair held on 5/21.
- ❑ Pomona GROW held an on-site recruitment with Travel Jobs on 5/15 and one participant has been hired thus far.
- ❑ San Fernando GROW held recruitment activities on 5/14, 5/20, 5/21, 5/22 and 5/28 with Interviewing Service of America, UPS, Kelly Products, Adecco and Goodwill Industries. Over 80 participants attended these activities and hires are still pending.
- ❑ Rancho Park GROW held a job fair on 5/21 with 150 participants in attendance.
- ❑ South Central GROW held job recruitments on 5/6, 5/16 and 5/23 with Aramark Service, Farmer John and Fed Ex.
- ❑ Lancaster GROW held recruitment activities throughout the month of May with Peakload Services, Home Instead Senior Care, Ecology Auto Wrecking, Lancaster Community Hospital and Santa Clarita Convalescent Hospital. Over 20 participants were referred to these events and hires are still pending.
- ❑ Southwest Special GROW held an on-site recruitment on 5/7 with MTA. Hires are still pending.
- ❑ Pasadena GROW held recruitment activities on 5/13 and 5/27 with AutoZone and Fed Ex. Over 40 participants attended these activities and hires are still pending.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- ❑ DPSS participated in the Mervyn's Community Closet event held at the Los Angeles Convention Center on 5/22. This event was co-sponsored by Dress for Success and included a graduation ceremony for approximately 40 participants from GROW and GAIN who had completed training and/or education activities. In honor of their achievements, the participants received business attire provided by Dress for Success and Mervyn's.